



# CDC: Achieving Greater Health Impact

All people, and especially those at greater risk of health disparities, will achieve their optimal lifespan with the best possible quality of health in every stage of life.  
People in all communities will be protected from infectious, occupational, environmental and terrorist threats.

## Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities Training Opportunities

The Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (OMHD) supports training opportunities for qualified persons at all levels of education in order to increase the capacity of the organizations in which these trainees will work in the future. Persons looking for summer internships or fellowships of varying lengths can gain valuable public health experience in one of the following programs:

### OMHD Sponsored Training Opportunities:

#### DART/PHSI Intern Program

The DART/PHSI Internship program is offered in collaboration with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Division of Applied Research and Technology to increase the knowledge and skills of minority students in Biomedical/Engineering Sciences. Special emphasis is placed on laboratory biomedical and engineering research to assess and prevent occupational disease and injury. Mentors/preceptors are required to provide the students with one-on-one instruction and guidance through a research project and when possible contribute to the publication of study results.

#### Dr. James A Ferguson Emerging Infectious Diseases Fellowship

The Ferguson Fellowship is an eight-week summer program designed to expose minority and disadvantaged medical, veterinary, pharmacy, and other allied health, public health, and graduate students to various research and prevention opportunities. The Ferguson Fellowship is a program of the National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID) of CDC, carried out in collaboration with the Minority Health Professions Foundation (MHPF).

#### Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools, Inc. (HSHPS) Summer Internship Program

This eight-week Internship Program which commences annually on June 1, will provide the opportunity for medical students to work at CDC, and to gain knowledge about the Federal government careers and skills related to prevention research, surveillance, public health policy and program development. Through this internship, students will have the opportunity to develop their awareness and skills for future careers in public health, focused on Hispanic health.

#### Regional Research Center for Minority Health (RRCMH) Research Assistant Trainee Program

This program recruits high school, undergraduate, and graduate students to participate in public health research and provides a forum for educational and career development, and opportunities for networking with accomplished researchers in minority health.

#### Public Health Sciences Institute (PHSI)

The PHSI academic year internship program is a two-year program offering comprehensive academic and research experience in various fields of the public health sciences to selected students from the Atlanta University Center. Participants must successfully complete four public health courses offered by PHSI during their two-year program.

#### The Public Health Summer Fellows (PHSF) Program

The PHSF is an eight-week summer program designed to provide practical experience in public health to minority undergraduate juniors, seniors, and recent graduates. This experience will introduce students to public health skills and practices that stimulate interest in public health and increase the representation in the public health workforce of minority professionals. This program represents the combined efforts of the Morehouse School of Medicine, Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health, and the CDC.

#### The Starlab Project

The Starlab Project is a six-week program designed to encourage under-represented minorities to consider pursuing careers in the public health sciences. The program is conducted in collaboration with the National Organization for the Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBBChE), the Minority Health Professions Foundation (MHPF), and scientists from CDC. During the program, middle and high school students are exposed to laboratory demonstrations as well as hands-on laboratory experiments on selected topics in chemistry, biology, medical technology, and engineering. In addition, students are able to interact with minority scientists from local colleges, agencies, and laboratories.

#### Summer Research Internship Program: Project IMHOTEP

Project: IMHOTEP is an 11-week PHSI internship program designed to increase the knowledge and skills of undergraduate students in biostatistics, epidemiology, occupational safety and health, or the health sciences. It provides participants with intensive research and data analysis experience with experts at CDC and other agencies and academic institutions such as the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiology, and Carnegie Mellon University. This program is a collaborative effort between the CDC and Morehouse College.

#### **For More Information:**

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